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1. On 16 January 1953, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne east of the Rab River and north of Schoenower Strasse in Bernau was occupied by tank units, artillery units and signal units totaling about 2,000 soldiers. On 12 and 16 January, 12 x 76-mm guns were noticed in the billeting area. Motor vehicle [redacted] were identified.

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2. On 16 January, the officer billets in the restricted area on Karl Marx Strasse were still occupied to capacity.

3. On 16 January, the SS Brieftaubenstation in Rutenfeld was occupied by about 250 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

4. On 16 January, the army clothing depot No I on Weissenseer Strasse was occupied by an artillery unit of 600 to 800 soldiers. All motor vehicle sheds south of the barracks wall had been completed from 12 to 16 January. They were wooden structures of identical size. One shed sheltered 24 prime movers and 24 AT guns which, [redacted] had 85-mm caliber. Another shed sheltered 24 trucks or prime movers and 24 AT guns which, [redacted] had 76-mm caliber.

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5. On 16 January, army clothing depot No II was 50 percent lighted at dusk. [redacted] no traffic of pedestrians or motor vehicles or any other training activity.

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6. On 3 January, intensive training activity was noticed in the barracks yard³ of the Luftnachrichten Kaserne and at the target range. Between 10 and 11 a.m., trucks [redacted] each occupied by seven soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and towing an AT gun left the installation toward Wandlitz. Shortly thereafter T-34/85 tank [redacted] and two other [redacted] T-34/85 tanks left the installation toward the town.

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On 3 January, the main entrance of army clothing depot No 1 was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Numerous trucks were still parked in the barracks area and the sheds south of the installation. Between noon and 12:30 p.m., a company wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia entered the installation, followed by truck [redacted] which was loaded with practice targets. Motor vehicle [redacted]

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[redacted] were identified.

8. On 10 January, the SS Brieftaubenstation was occupied by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. No training activity was observed. ¹
9. During the night of 29 November and on 8 December, each two T-34/85 tanks [redacted] were detained at the loading ramp of the Bernau railroad station and subsequently shipped to the Luftnachrichten Kaserne. ²

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2. [redacted] Comment. Probably unloading of tanks for repairs.

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